

track, Democrats, so we can go in their districts, if they do not vote for it, and threaten their elections."

This is not the spirit in which we should work. We should be working in a bipartisan manner to tell Americans that, yes, trade is good. Trade brings about jobs.

At the same time, we will not abdicate our responsibilities for ensuring that trade does not negatively impact on our environment; that safety rules are not eliminated or violated, as we travel from one country to the next, moving from surrounding countries and bringing large trucks into our boundaries; that we require safety standards; and yes, that we ensure that jobs are not lost, and that there are good and positive working conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I would simply say, we can work on trade issues. We can create jobs. We can help business. We can help small businesses. But this House must do it together.

We must ensure that Americans realize that trade is about jobs and the environment and working together.

COMMENDING THE HOUSE FOR OUTSTANDING WORK ON SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY AND IMPROVING THE LIVES AND HEALTH OF SENIOR CITIZENS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the House this evening to commend the House for its outstanding work. I appreciate the time to address the House, because I think it is very important. With the passage today of the Save Social Security Act, it is one more way to make sure that our senior citizens are protected. This new legislation will make sure that with any budget surplus, and with the \$1.4 trillion, the first money from that surplus will go to the social security trust fund for our senior citizens.

Mr. Speaker, with senior citizens living longer we want to make sure they live better. We wanted to make sure we strengthen the social security system. We also at the same time want to look to improving health care for our seniors and others. That is why the House is to be congratulated for leading the way here in Congress and in Washington on FDA reform, to make sure we speed up the approval of lifesaving drugs and medical devices.

That legislation, while we are waiting for a cure or vaccine for many illnesses, will help us be able to make sure that we are helping with clinical trials and with third-party review, and be able to make sure that we help our citizens live longer and better.

I am interested in also pointing out that here in Congress and the House we have worked to double the NIH funding, the National Institutes of Health. That is very important when it comes

to increasing the research monies that are allocated for breast cancer research, uterine cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer. It is coming at a very important time.

Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, we are having the first ever march of its kind, a march to fight against cancer, to find a cure in our lifetime for all the cancers. This is an important march where very important health care providers, health care practitioners, researchers, and entertainers will be here on the Washington Mall, together with elected officials, to make sure we stand arm in arm to make sure the kind of dollars, resources, and emphasis is placed on cures for cancer.

That dovetails with legislation that I have introduced, Mr. Speaker, to protect our senior citizens, the Senior Citizen Bill of Rights. In that legislation we are going to roll back the 1993 tax on Social Security. We are going to keep social security off-budget, so it is not used for other purposes, but used for seniors and their security.

It will also address the notch baby problem, those babies born between 1917 and 1926 who are in their golden years and should be able to have the full benefits that other Social Security recipients have. Our notch baby provision will be addressed in that legislation.

We also, in the Senior Citizen Bill of Rights, increase the penalties for those who would commit fraud against senior citizens, such as telemarketing fraud and others who would prey upon our senior citizens and take away their life savings.

Also our legislation calls for elimination of the inheritance taxes. Many people have a family business, a family farm, and they take the money and have to give it to Uncle Sam, instead of making sure the next generation of the family can enjoy the fruits of labor that many of our families and friends have built up over a lifetime.

Finally, we have patient protection. We have legislation this House has adopted to make sure, Mr. Speaker, that doctors have the final say in making sure our patients get the medical advice they need, get the referrals to specialists they need, get the admissions to hospitals that they need, and as well, have the right to appeal a wrongful denial of health care on behalf of their patients and our constituents.

I think we have done a great deal to move forward in health care as far as senior citizens, on their rights, on their security, and making sure, above all, that Social Security and Medicare are protected and saved and strengthened.

The final item which I think we will embark on is the fact that we make sure with Medicare we have those new prevention programs on an annual basis, the mammograms that are annual, we have the pap smears, we also have the colorectal cancer screening, the diabetes screening, and osteoporosis.

Those kinds of prevention programs we fought for are making a difference, and the fact that those who would now defraud Medicare are eligible for jail terms and loss of rights to be a provider are strengthening Medicare the way citizens want.

We need to move forward, together with much other legislation, but we certainly have to take this time to look at what we have done for our seniors, and to make sure we redouble our efforts to do even more.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4060

Mr. MCDADE submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 4060) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 105-749)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4060) "making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, for energy and water development, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, beach erosion, and related purposes.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and, when authorized by laws, surveys and detailed studies and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, \$161,747,000, to remain available until expended, of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified:

Delaware Bay Coastline, Delaware and New Jersey, \$419,000;

Tampa Harbor, Alafia Channel, Florida, \$200,000;

Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet, New Jersey, \$322,000;

Brigantine Inlet to Great Egg Harbor Inlet, New Jersey, \$113,000;

Great Egg Harbor Inlet to Townsend's Inlet, New Jersey, \$200,000;

Lower Cape May Meadows—Cape May Point, New Jersey, \$100,000;

Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet, New Jersey, \$300,000;

Raritan Bay to Sandy Hook Bay, New Jersey, \$750,000; and